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## Rogers' gift totals \$900,000

### Fund student center, excellence endowment

By Donna Riffle  
assistant editor

Future TJC students will enjoy a new Student Center, appropriately named the Bob and Lou Rogers Student Center. The couple donated \$900,000 last Thursday as part of the projected \$4.8 million project, one of six projects in Phase 1 of the Campus Development Plan.

"This is a great day for TJC," said Dr. Patrick R. Thomas, TJC Board of Trustees president. "These people have the spiritual gift for giving."

In addition to assisting in the funding of the construction costs, the donors asked that part of their gift be used to provide student enrichment opportunities which would not be possible otherwise. Thus, part of the funds will be used to establish the Rogers Endowment for Excellence, a permanent fund to provide seminars and lectures featuring persons outstanding in their fields, musical and theatrical performances and college/community events which would "maintain and increase the national prominence of the College."

"Tyler is our home and TJC is very close to us," said Bob Rogers. "It is a permanent endowment to continue everywhere to put TJC on top of the ladder. It will be a benefit to the students as well as help (TJC) gain national prominence."

"I've been very impressed with TJC and the job that is being done. The whole idea is to do those special things that bring the College prominence and really point out that

TJC is on the top rung in the field of academics," he said.

TJC President Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins said, "I am delighted that Bob and Lou have chosen TJC as a

recipient of their benefactions. This generous contribution is timely not only for the momentum and support it provides for our current Capital Gifts Program, but also because their

benevolent action uplifts this year's 60th anniversary theme, "Opportunity with Excellence," in a unique and challenging manner.

"We look forward to the tremen-

dous impact a gift of this magnitude will have on the College, and ultimately, the community," Hawkins said.

The new Student Center will be located behind Vaughn Conservatory on the site of the old Gentry Gym. Construction will begin in late 1986 or early 1987.

This \$900,000 does not stand alone. The couple are also donors of an annual scholarship to East Texas Baptist University and a scholarship and endowed chair at Baylor University.

The Rogers Chair of Entrepreneurship at Baylor is unique because it was created specifically to develop a program to allow students to learn how to be entrepreneurs.

Bob Rogers, a Missouri native, is chairman of the board and president of TCA Cable, Inc., a cable television corporation headquartered in Tyler.

He began in business at age 19, with such ventures as indoor and drive-in theaters, real estate development and home building. He has been in the cable television business 31 years.

Lou Rogers is a native of Arp.

The Rogerses, Tyler residents for 35 years, have five children, two of whom are TJC graduates. Rick is district manager of a TCA cable company in Ruston, La., and Rusty attends Baylor University.



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**GIFT FOR GIVING**—Lou Rogers indicates the building site for the future Bob and Lou Rogers Student Center she and her husband

Bob will help fund with their gift last week of \$900,000. Their donation will also set up the Rogers Endowment for Excellence.

## Students to elect royalty next week

Homecoming this year will be slightly different from previous years as students elect a Homecoming king as well as a Homecoming queen.

Students can vote between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Oct. 22 and 23 in the alcove of Genecov Science and Arts Building, said Student Activities Coordinator Emma Lou Prater.

The nominees will be presented at a dance tonight in the Student Center.

The Student Senate decided that electing a king would give more peo-

ple a chance to get involved.

The top five finalists in both the king and queen races will be determined by campus vote next week and the nominees with the most votes will be king and queen, Prater explained.

All 45 active clubs on campus may nominate king and queen candidates from their organization. A fee of \$10 is required from each organization selecting nominees. Nominees were due Monday.

King and queen will be crowned at the Nov. 2 Homecoming game.

## Campus to increase alcohol awareness

"TJC is participating in the National Intercollegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 21-27," said Student Activities Coordinator Emma Lou Prater.

Student Senate is sponsoring an interesting week of events for students and faculty, she said.

Alcoholics Anonymous speakers comprised of a lawyer, a doctor and a business person will discuss problems of an alcoholic at 7 p.m. Monday.

Events will be in the Student

Center, with the exception of the picnic.

Behavioral Science Coordinator Linda Watkins will moderate a student-faculty panel discussion at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Thursday's event will be a "byob" (bring your own bun) picnic beginning at 5 p.m. at Wise Plaza.

The First Annual Picnic and Moonshine 2K Race will culminate the week's activities Sunday. Students and faculty are urged to participate in this event, said Prater.

Contestant categories are male and female, age 0-30 and 30 and over.

First place trophies will be awarded in each category and all contestants will receive a T-shirt.

Contestants will check in at 7:30 p.m. for the 2K (1.4 miles) race which begins at 8 p.m.

All participants and fans are invited to a picnic preceding the race at 5:30 p.m. Soft drinks will be furnished after the race, Prater said.

Entry forms are available at Prater's office in the Student Center.



## Homecoming voting needs revision

Originally, Homecoming queen nominee presentations were designed to allow students to become familiar with nominees, thus enabling voters to make qualified decisions.

This year nominees will be presented four times, but only one appearance comes before student voting.

The Homecoming Queen/King Presentation Dance, usually attended by only a small percentage of students, is the only public glimpse of all nominees prior to voting. The dance is at 8 p.m. tonight in the Student Center.

After the voting is done, nominees will be presented during Campus Capers, at the Campus Walk and at half time of the Homecoming football game.

Unlike the small town schools many students attended, TJC is a large, diverse campus. Most individuals know very little about nominees. Forty-five organizations are qualified to nominate as many as 90 students to vie for the Homecoming titles. At press time, one week before elections, the TJC News cannot obtain even a complete list of nominees for publication.

Except for tonight's appearance, posters are the only other source students have to identify candidates.

Some may believe posters allow students the exposure necessary to elect a king or queen. Although beauty may be among qualities a king/queen should possess, this individual will represent our college in many ways. Most students want to vote on the person as a whole—appearance, personality and school involvement.

One solution would be to include each nominee's photograph, future plans, organization affiliations and personal background in a pamphlet distributed to students prior to election time.

Another would be to rearrange deadlines for nominating and voting to allow additional presentations of nominees.

Another idea could be a preliminary vote to narrow the candidates to five or six. The finalists could be featured in a panel discussion giving more students a chance to evaluate them.

One result of the lack of publicity is that many students fail to vote. This practice of voter apathy could start a pattern the student follows throughout adult life.

## Campus Briefs

### School funds remain available

Despite rising cost in tuition, financial aid for students is more available now than ever, Robert Clemmons Jr., student financial aids director, said at a recent seminar sponsored by the Counseling Center.

"There is no type of stigma attached to applying for financial aid," Clemmons said. "Almost any college student will need it at one time or other."

Need is not always required, he said, to receive financial assistance.

Clemmons estimates that more than one out of every 30 students on campus receives some type of financial assistance from the more than 200 scholarships that are not need-based.

Financial need is based on family assets, income and cost of the college one plans to attend, but students who need financial assistance are not limited to state-supported schools.

Texas has an equalization grant available to students who wish to attend a private college, said Clemmons.

Clemmons also suggests that the student write to the college they plan to attend and receive a current financial aids booklet.

Meeting deadlines and properly filling out application forms are important, he said.

"Loans should be a student's last resort," he said. "People who have provided the money for these scholarships want you to go to school. The funds are out there for those who really want to go."

### Nurse advises flu shots

"Flu shots will be available to students, faculty and college personnel on a first come basis until the supply runs out," said Health Service Coordinator Zelda Boucher.

More than 100 of the 200 available units have been administered at Boucher's office in the Student Center. The flu shots cost \$4, Boucher said.

Those allergic to chickens or eggs should not take the vaccine, she explained, and pregnant women are given the shots only if they are in a high risk group.

Flu vaccine side effects are generally inconsequential in adults and seldom occur, according to Wyeth Laboratories Inc. information.

Immunity lasts only one year so vaccine should be taken annually, Boucher advised.

### Junior League offers free musical

Students are invited to see "Play to Win," a musical based on baseball star Jackie Robinson's life, at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22 in Wise Auditorium.

The musical is sponsored by the Tyler Junior League in conjunction with the Tyler Independent School

District. Admission is free.

"Although this is not the first performance of Theatre Works, USA, it is an award-winning presentation. The cast are professionals, who sing exclusively," said Dede Smith, Junior League spokeswoman.

This company has presented more than 13,000 performances to more than 11 million young people.

The message is clearly entertaining, but education plays a close second to the commitment of the repertoire company to providing inspiration for the youth, Smith said.

### Speakers take 5th in Warm-up

The Speech and Drama Team won six awards at the Southwest Texas State University Warm-up Tournament, said Directors M'liss Hindman and Jacque Shackelford.

Overall TJC placed fifth in the tournament attended by teams from 20 colleges and universities.

Semi-finalists were Lee Mayfield in poetry and Mike Easterlin and Rusty Gates in duo dramatic interpretation.

Second place winners were Mayfield in prose and Will Morgan and Mayfield in duo dynamic interpretation.

Elizabeth Chester placed first in impromptu speaking. Mayfield won fourth place overall outstanding speaker.

"This is a wonderful start," said Hindman, who attended as coach and judge. "Success at an early contest helps build confidence. I am predicting the best year ever."

Team plans include more tournaments, preparing a Sesquicentennial program for area organizations and a Christmas program for retired citizens groups.

"The students grow so much by doing these things. The experience gives them self-confidence and poise, an edge they will need in the business world," Hindman said.

### 'Bus Stop' opens, tickets remain

Tickets are available for "Bus Stop" by William Inge which opens at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Wise Auditorium. The box office in Wise Cultural Arts Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, said Drama Instructor M'liss Hindman.

The play continues with performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and ends with 2 p.m. matinee Sunday. Because Wise seats 1000, reservations are not necessary for this production.

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and \$1 for senior citizens and children under 12. TJC students can get a free ticket by showing their ID card.

The box office will be open throughout the run of the show. To reserve tickets, go by the box office or call 531-2212.

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# TJC marks Sesquicentennial Classes to visit state hospital

By Charlotte Allen  
staff writer

TJC's plans for Texas Sesquicentennial activities are to be tied in with regular school activities, said Linda Fleet, director of college relations and personnel services.

First of these was the Founder's Day celebration, the second will be Nov. 2 Homecoming and the third will be sometime in January highlighting publication of "The History of Tyler Junior College" by Robert Glover and Linda Cross.

The Texas Sesquicentennial Commission has declared Tyler one of the Texas Sesquicentennial Communities and authorized the city's activities concerning the celebration.

The Legislature has declared April 21 as Texas Sesquicentennial Day and, since it is a holiday, TJC plans no special activities, but is "prepared to assist the city of Tyler in any way possible," said Fleet.

This year, for the first time in two years, History Instructor Dr. Bob Peters is teaching Texas History. The 5:35 p.m. class will be covering the Texas Revolutionary Period next Thursday, Oct. 24, and Peters welcomes "anyone who would like to come, listen and learn." The class meets in J207.

Founders Day celebration increased awareness of the Sesquicentennial which begins in January, but many people remain unsure just what the event commemorates.

Next year marks the 150th anniversary of Texas' independence from Mexico in 1836.

Many factors combined to infuse those early Texans with the will to be free. Peters says the question he is most asked is "Why did Texas become independent from Mexico in the first place?"

Anglos came to Texas in huge numbers during the early 1800s. The Mexican government had promised

Texas separate statehood under Mexican rule when the population reached 80,000.

Many years passed and Texans, finding the government arrangement unsatisfactory, demanded statehood with a population of only 25,000. Mexico, of course, said no to the idea.

Peters cited many reasons why Texans found the Mexican government unsatisfactory. One complaint was that Saltillo, Mexico, the provisional seat for Texas, was a good 500-mile ride from most towns in the state. Mexico, also, was politically unstable, having gone through four dictators in almost 40 years.

At this time a general named Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna took control of Mexico, claiming the old government would not work and one central power was needed. Texans, wanting local control, sided with Santa Anna's opposition, the Federalists.

During this time of confusion, Anglo Texans took advantage of the political disruption to set up their own government as a state of Mexico.

Santa Anna, of course, was not pleased with the Texans' action and sent troops against them. In early 1836, it looked like the Texans would lose; they had an army of hundreds against Santa Anna's army of nearly 8,000 men, Peters said.

Texans, in what could be termed a brainstorm, reasoned that, to prevent Santa Anna from winning and looting and burning the whole state, they needed military help.

The United States, the only nation close enough and able enough to help would not interfere in an internal domestic squabble, but might aid in a fight for independence, said Peters.

So, in March, 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico. Texas did not receive any governmental help from the United States as a result, but it did receive much help from private American citizens.

"It was a revolution that had all the odds against it," said Peters.

By Stephanie Beamer  
staff writer

Students in psychology and sociology classes taught by Psychology/Sociology Instructor Joy Watson and Behavioral Science Coordinator Linda Watkins have the chance to tour Rusk State Hospital Oct. 31.

"We encourage all of our students to go, especially students majoring in psychology or sociology. The trip is totally optional though," said Watkins.

Students are not excused from any of their classes, and they provide their own transportation.

The trip helps make knowledge of psychology and sociology practical and shows students how these courses are used in the community, instructors agree.

Jeff Untersee, who went last year, said he enjoyed it very much. "It was exciting and interesting, but still kind of depressing. The maximum security unit made me paranoid because of all of the strange equipment they used, such as the hand-saw."

Students who are going to the hospital expressed anticipation.

"I'm going to go because I think it will be fun and at the same time a learning experience," Aprille East said.

"I think it will be interesting and educational. I'd like to find out what really happens in an institution such as that," said Freshman Kathy Wheat.

Both Watson and Watkins want students to relate to community agencies. They also want students to get out in the community and see how these agencies help.

Observations will dispel myths of straightjackets and padded rooms when students see professionals controlling and helping patients with psychological disorders, they explained.

The tour will begin precisely at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31. Students will see the gerontology unit for older, terminally ill patients, the maximum security system and the intermediate care unit for patients who have been in the Hospital for less than 60 days.

In each unit a guide will explain facilities. Part-time Sociology Instructor Arlin Vierkant, social work director at the Hospital, shares a lot of his experiences with the students who visit, Watkins said.

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For Vaughn, West halls

## Combinations replace keys

Combination locks have replaced the traditional dorm mother and key at Vaughn and West halls, at least temporarily. Dorm mothers still supervise both dorms, but residents returning after hours face locks designed with a personal code known by each resident.

This allows residents to get into the dorm without disturbing others after the doors are locked. Before the combination locks were installed, residents would knock on the windows to wake other students to open the locked door.

Residential Coordinator John Smith said the doors are not locked to create curfew but to assure residents of safety.

Combination locks, which provide residents security along with access to their rooms after the building is locked, will remain on a trial basis throughout this semester. Whether the locks remain is up to the residents, Smith said.

Other dorm renovations include microwave ovens in both Lewis and

West halls, a new kitchen in Holley Hall, new furniture in Sledge Hall and lounge repair in Claridge Hall.

Rent increased from \$400 last year to \$450 this year, but basic cable television service has been installed in each room at no extra charge.

Dorm committees are more im-

portant this year, said Smith. Officers were elected to encourage residents to participate in dorm decisions involving problems and changes.

A new pamphlet distributed to residents before they moved in encourages roommates to get to know each other's backgrounds. It also encourages dorm residents to participate in dorm activities, Smith said.



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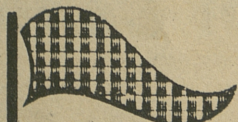
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